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H. R. 1458

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit labor organizations from using funds withheld from wages for activities related to a campaign for election for Federal office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 24, 1997

Mr. TIAHRT (for himself and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wage Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING LABOR ORGANIZATION FROM USING**
2 **FUNDS WITHHELD FROM WAGES FOR FED-**
3 **ERAL ELECTION ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 316(b)(3) of the Federal
5 Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(3)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
8 graph (B);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
10 paragraph (C) and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 paragraph:

13 “(D) for any labor organization to use amounts
14 withheld from an individual’s wages or salary for
15 such a fund, or to use such amounts to carry out
16 any activities of a political nature described in para-
17 graph (2)(A), any activities described in paragraph
18 (2)(B) or paragraph (2)(C), or any other activities
19 (including communications) involving issue advocacy,
20 educational campaigns for legislative outcomes, or
21 intervening in any political campaign or political
22 party.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraph (5)
24 and paragraph (6) of section 316(b) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
25 441b(b)) are each amended by striking the period at the
26 end and inserting the following: “, except to the extent

1 that the labor organization is prohibited from using the
2 method under paragraph (3)(D).”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply with respect to elec-
5 tions occurring after December 1997.

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